

the apparent absence of *fumipennaria* from Dartford Heath, and *fasciaria* from Mitcham Common. Chalmers-Hunt (1976, *The Butterflies and Moths of Kent*) mentions none of these forms for the county, although several other forms are listed as being in the National Collection.

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A late example of *Noctua pronuba* L. (Lep.: Noctuidae)

Operating the garden trap, ever hopeful of a brief spell of warm weather, on 25 November 1995, the sole occupant in the morning was a plump and pristine example of *Noctua pronuba*. Whether this was an example of a second brood or an immigrant remains unclear.— PAUL SOKOLOFF, 4 Steep Close, Orpington, Kent BR6 6DS.

Rare migrants during October 1995

On 8 October, with warm air arriving from north-west Africa, I set off to the Lizard, Cornwall with high hopes of migrants. It was soon evident on this first evening that a migration was in progress with *Spodoptera cilium* Guen. in one of the moth traps situated at Coverack, together with six *Rhodometra sacraria* L. The southerly breeze continued uninterrupted for the next ten days and the following migrants were recorded:-

9 October:

1 <i>Agrius convolvuli</i> L.	39 <i>R. sacraria</i>
1 <i>Mythimna vitellina</i> Hb.	5 <i>Hellula undalis</i> Fabr.
1 <i>M. Loreyi</i> Dup.	1 <i>Palpita unionalis</i> Hübn.
4 <i>Spodoptera exigua</i> Hb.	1 <i>Vanessa atalanta</i> L.
1 <i>Eublemma parva</i> Hb.	

10 October:

1 <i>M. vitellina</i>	19 <i>R. sacraria</i>
1 <i>M. loreyi</i>	1 <i>H. undalis</i>
2 <i>S. exigua</i>	1 <i>P. unionalis</i>

11 October:

1 <i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i> Linn.	25 <i>R. sacraria</i>
2 <i>Mythimna albipuncta</i>	2 <i>Orthonama obstipata</i> Fabr.
2 <i>M. vitellina</i>	7 <i>Lithosia quadra</i> L.
1 <i>M. loreyi</i>	3 <i>P. unionalis</i>
1 <i>S. exigua</i>	1 <i>H. undalis</i>
2 <i>Heliothis armigera</i> Hb.	2 <i>V. atalanta</i>
1 <i>Eublemma ostrina</i> Hb.	

- 2327 *A. epomidion* Haw. Clouded Brindle
Widespread and fairly common over much of England and Wales; larva feeds on various grasses. Recorded 28.6.1995.
- 2330 *A. remissa* Hb. Dusky Brocade
Widespread and sometimes locally common throughout the British Isles; larva feeds on the seeds and leaves of various grasses.
- 2336 *A. ophiogramma* Esp. Double Lobed
Locally distributed in England, Wales and southern Scotland. Recorded by Mr & Mrs Normand in July 1983; larva feeds in the stems of wild and cultivated Ribbon Grass and occasionally Reed Sweet-grass.
- 2337 *Oligia strigilis* Linn. Marbled Minor
Common resident; confirmed by examination of genitalia; larva feeds internally on Cock's-foot, Reed and Canary grasses.
- 2338 *O. versicolor* Borkh. Rufous Minor
Common resident; confirmed by identification of genitalia; probably feeds on Cock's-foot, Reed and Canary grasses, internally.
- 2339 *O. latruncula* D. & S. Tawny Marbled Minor
Common resident; confirmed by examination of genitalia; larva feeds internally on various grasses.
- 2340 *O. fasciuncula* Haw. Middle-barred Minor
A frequent to common species found throughout the British Isles; larva feeds on various grasses.
- 2341 *Mesoligia furuncula* D. & S. Cloaked Minor
Common resident; larva feeds internally in various grasses.
- 2342 *M. literosa* Haw. Rosy Minor
Common resident; larva feeds internally in various grasses and cultivated cereals.
- 2343 *Mesapamea secalis* Linn. Common Rustic
Common resident; larva feeds internally in various grasses and cultivated cereals.
- 2343a *M. didyma* Esp. Lesser Common Rustic
Common resident; larva feeds internally in various grasses and cultivated cereals.
- 2345 *Photedes minima* Haw. Small Dotted Buff
Inhabits woodland clearings, marshy places and damp meadows over the greater part of the British Isles. Recorded by David C.G. Brown in July 1989; larva feeds in the stems of Tufted Hair-grass.
- 2350 *P. pygmina* Haw. Small Wainscot
Usually fairly common where it occurs but only two or three seen on the Warren; larva feeds in the stems of various sedges, rushes and grasses.
- 2352 *Eremobia ochroleuca* D. & S. Dusky Sallow
Not usually found west of Dorset; one female taken 6.8.1994 which laid eggs which overwinter; larva feeds on the flowers and seeds of Cock's-foot, Couch, Meadow-oat and other grasses.
- 2353 *Luperina testacea* D. & s. Flounced Rustic
Common resident; larva feeds on the roots and stem bases of various grasses.

- 2361 *Hydraecia micacea* Esp. Rosy Rustic
Common resident; larva feeds in the roots of various low plants.
- 2364 *Gortyna flavago* D. & S. Frosted Orange
Common resident, larva feeds in the stems of Burdock, Dock and other low-growing plants.
- 2369 *Nonagria typhae* Thunb. Bulrush Wainscot
Widespread and common in suitable habitats, with individuals sometimes found a long way from breeding sites. Noted by Ivor Lakin on 14.5.1995; larva feeds mainly in the stems of *Typha latifolia* ("bulrush").
- 2370 *Archanara geminipuncta* Haw. Twin-spot Wainscot
Common resident; larva feeds in the stems of Common Reed.
- 2375 *Rhizedra lutosa* Hubn. Large Wainscot
Common resident although only two seen in 1994, the moth has been recorded in numbers on previous years by other recorders; larva feeds in the root and stem bases of Common Reed.
- 2377 *Arenostola phragmitidis* Hb. Fen Wainscot
Recently recorded as new to Devon; larva feeds in the stems of Common Reed.
- 2379 *Coenobia rufa* Haw. Small Rufous
Common resident; larva feeds in the stems of *Juncus* ssp.
- 2380 *Charanyca trigrammica* Hufn. Treble Lines
Common resident; larva feeds on a variety of low plants including Greater Plantain, Common Knapweed and Dwarf Thistle.
- 2381 *Hoplodrina alsines* Brahm. The Uncertain
Common resident; larva feeds on a variety of low-growing plants.
- 2382 *H. blanda* D. & S. The Rustic
Common resident; larva feeds on a variety of low-growing plants.
- 2384 *H. ambifua* D. & S. Vines Rustic
Common resident and suspected migrant; larva feeds on a variety of low-growing plants.
- 2385 *Spodoptera exigua* Hb. Small Mottled Willow
An uncommon migrant species; two or three seen on the Warren; larva has been found in *Persicaria* and can be a serious pest in its native country.
- 2387 *Caradine morpheus* Hufn. Mottled Rustic
Common resident; larva feeds on Nettle, Dandelion and other low plants.
- 2389 *C. clavipalpis* Scop. Pale Mottled Willow
Common resident; larva feeds on growing and harvested ears of wheat and other cereals.
- 2391 *Chilodes maritimus* Tausch. Silky Wainscot
Common resident, larva lives in old reed stems feeding on a variety of animal and vegetable matter.
- 2399 *Pyrrhia umbra* Hufn. Bordered Straw
Common resident; larva feeds on the flowers and seeds of Rest-harrow.
- 2418 *Earias clorana* Linn. Cream Bordered Green Pea
A thriving colony on the Warren; larva feeds on Osier, Willow and Creeping Willow.